# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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JOINT OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORISM
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering to enter into agreements with various countries for conducting joint operations against terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of such countries; and

(c) the progress made in this direction so far and the assistance proposed to be rendered to India by these countries?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c) No proposals for entering into Agreements to conduct joint operations against terrorism are currently under consideration. However, the Government of India has agreements with several countries for cooperation to combat terrorism. These Agreements provide a framework for cooperation in various ways, including, inter alia, through exchange of information and assessments, cooperation in curbing drug-trafficking and other transnational crimes, training and capacity building.

Joint Working Groups on Border Management and other arrangements such as Home Secretary level talks provide a forum for discussion of issues relating to counter-terrorism cooperation with neighbouring countries.